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43% of Parents 'Definitely' Won't Vaccinate Young Kids for COVID, Survey Says

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By **Megan Redshaw**

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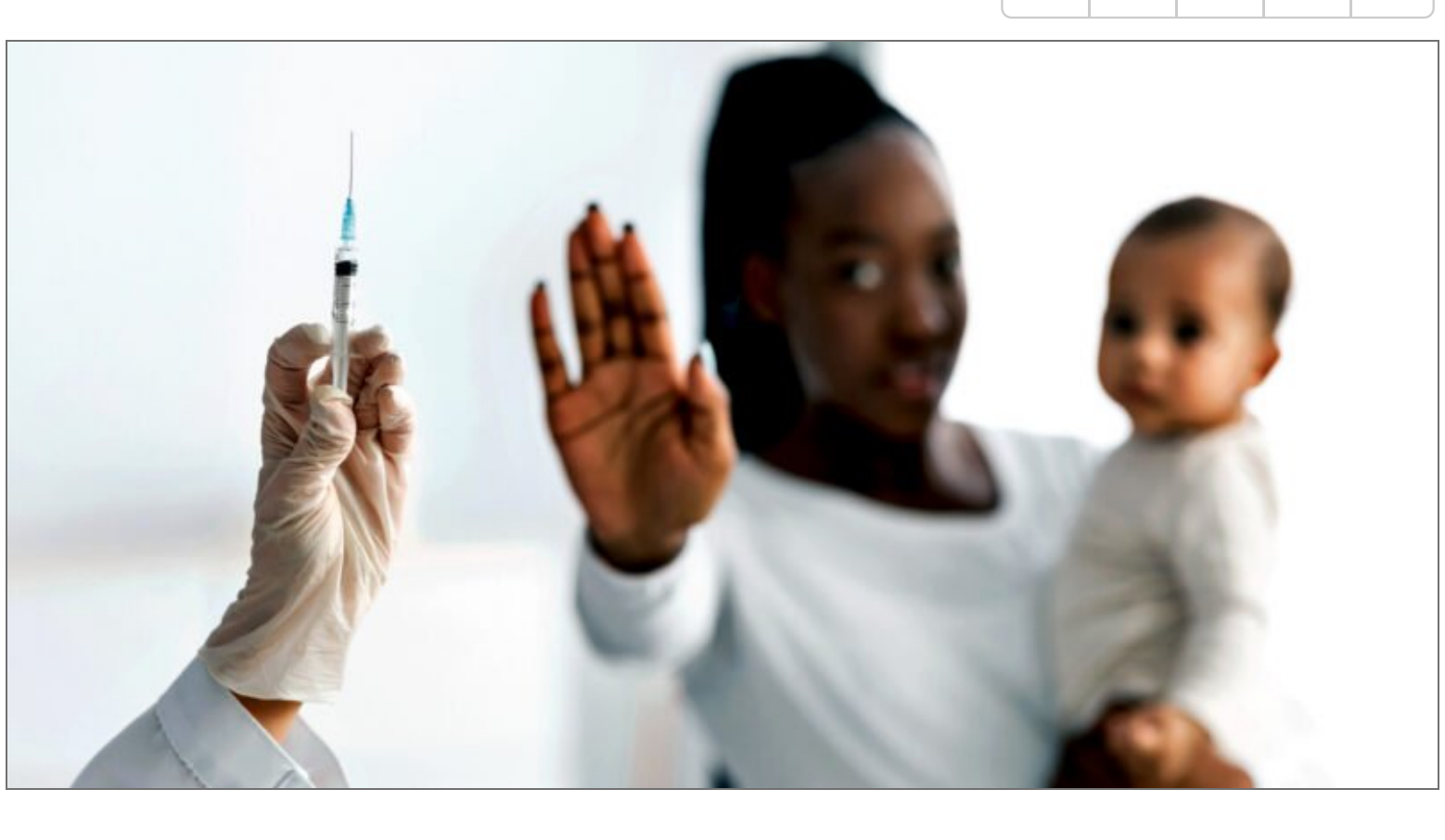

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With the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granting Emergency Use Authorization for Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines for kids ages 6 months to 5 years old, many parents remain hesitant to vaccinate their children.

According to survey results released Tuesday, 43% of U.S. parents of children under 5 will "definitely not" give their child a COVID-19 vaccine amid concerns the vaccine poses a greater risk to kids than the virus.

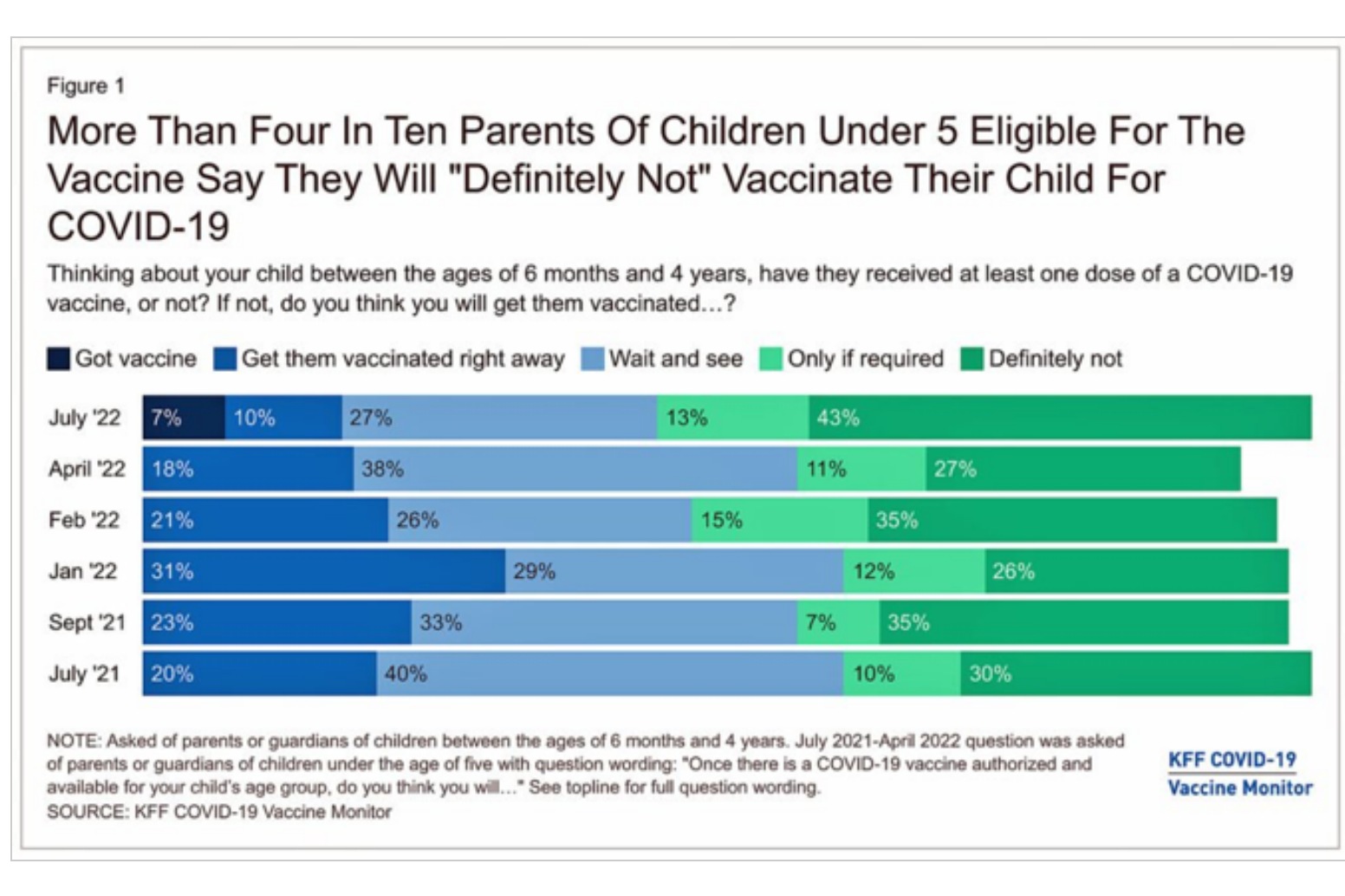
The survey, published by the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF), found that 27% of parents said they would "wait and see," while another 13% said they would have their children vaccinated only if required to do so for school or childcare.

Even parents who were vaccinated against COVID-19 said they would not give permission for their youngest children to get vaccinated.

Figure 1

More Than Four In Ten Parents Of Children Under 5 Eligible For The Vaccine Say They Will "Definitely Not" Vaccinate Their Child For COVID-19

Thinking about your child between the ages of 6 months and 4 years, have they received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, or not? If not, do you think you will get them vaccinated…?



NOTE: Asked of parents or guardians of children between the ages of 6 months and 4 years. July 2021-April 2022 question was asked of parents or guardians of children under the age of five with question wording: "Once there is a COVID-19 vaccine authorized and available for your child's age group, do you think you will…" See topline for full question wording.
SOURCE: KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor

When asked why they will not vaccinate their eligible child under 5 "right away," parents cited "concerns about the newness of the vaccine and not enough testing or research, concerns over side effects and worries over the overall safety of the vaccines."

According to the authors of the survey, "concerns over the safety of the vaccines and potential side effects are widespread among parents of unvaccinated children ages 6 months through 4 years old."

More than 8 in 10 parents of unvaccinated young children said they were concerned about serious side effects and about unknown long-term effects. The majority of vaccinated parents of unvaccinated children shared these same concerns.

About 1 in 10 parents said they do not think their child needs the vaccine or say they are not worried about the virus.

According to the survey, 37% of parents of a child 5 to 11 and 28% of parents of a child 12 to 17 say they will not vaccinate them against COVID-19.

Responses varied greatly when broken down by partisanship and vaccination status, CNN reported.

About 21% of parents who lean Democrat said they would not vaccinate their young children compared to 64% of parents who lean Republican.

The survey found that 27% of parents who were vaccinated said they would not vaccinate their child, compared with 64% of unvaccinated parents.

The survey, conducted from July 7-17, online and by telephone, polled 1,847 U.S. adults — 471 of whom had a child under 5.

The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percentage points for the full sample, and plus or minus 8 percentage points for parents with a child under 5.

According to The New York Times, experts on childhood vaccination said they viewed the parents' hesitation with alarm, coming at a time when COVID-19 cases are soaring and expected to worsen during the winter months — and when the possibility of new and potentially more dangerous SARS-CoV-2 variants looms.

Other pediatricians are encouraged parents are exercising some skepticism about vaccinating their young children.

"I am happy to hear so many parents are critically assessing the benefits and risks of the COVID injection for children," pediatrician Dr. Lawrence Palevsky told The Defender in an email.

Palevsky added:

> "They are quickly learning this injection does not function as a vaccine; has done more harm to children than has brought any benefit; does not prevent against illness or stop the transmission of any illness; has not been proven to be safe or effective; and that children are successfully recovering from this illness all on their own — without this injection — and with very low percentages of serious problems."

Dr. Elizabeth Mumper, pediatrician and president of The Rimland Center for Integrative Medicine told The Defender parents are recognizing there are no long-term studies on the safety, efficacy or side effects of COVID-19 vaccines in children.

"COVID vaccines for children were authorized for emergency use, and parents understandably do not see the emergency for children," Mumper said. "Parents are aware that the vast majority of children have had COVID and developed broad natural immunity, and are skeptical of the narrow and short-lived immunity of COVID vaccines."

Mumper said parents are justifiably worried about side effects when children get vaccines they don't need.

She said:

> "Parents may have realized that the studies of COVID vaccines in children were based on a few cases of COVID in the vaccinated and control groups. The data showed a wide confidence interval (narrow confidence intervals mean greater probability that the data is accurate)."

Based on the clinical trials, the data do "not narrow down" whether the COVID-19 vaccine really benefits children in terms of their risk of getting the disease, Mumper added.

"Even Dr. Paul Offit — an often-quoted vaccine expert and a developer of the rotavirus vaccine — voted against authorization and commented on video that he voted no only because he did not have the opportunity to vote 'hell no!'" Mumper told The Defender.

CDC used misleading data to claim COVID is 'top 5' cause of death in kids

As The Defender reported today, an official with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) during vaccine advisory panel meetings in June presented data exaggerating the risk of COVID-19 in young children.

The data was based on a preprint study — not yet peer-reviewed — that conflated COVID-19 deaths in kids using the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) instead of CDC statistics.

NCHS data tabulates COVID-19 deaths by including any death certificate that mentions COVID-19, not just those cases where COVID-19 was the primary reason for death. CDC data includes only those deaths where COVID-19 was the underlying cause.

Using NCHS data, there were 1,433 pediatric COVID-19 deaths through April 30.

However, using the CDC's own mortality statistics, there were only 1,088 pediatric deaths — nearly 25% less than the NCHS and preprint study stated.

In addition to reporting a higher number of COVID-19 deaths in children than were actually caused by the virus, the authors of the study — and the CDC — claimed COVID-19 was a top 5 cause of death among the pediatric age group, which included 18 and 19-year-olds.

Yet, the authors of the study compared COVID-19 during the worst part of the pandemic to causes of death during the pre-pandemic period and included older adolescents who are at a higher risk of contracting severe COVID-19 than children under the age of 5.

After the misleading data was brought to the attention of the authors, they revised the study and reduced the number of COVID-19 deaths among children and adolescents, from 1,433 deaths to 1,088 deaths — making COVID-19 the eighth leading cause of death in the 0 to 19 age group.

But the revision came after FDA and CDC panel members had already made their recommendations to authorize COVID-19 shots for kids 6 months to age 5.

The CDC has not issued a statement of correction or an explanation as to why the official used misleading data in her presentation, and the study was not retracted.

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Ektor57 • 4 days ago
That's scary. It should be at least 93%. This means that over half of parents would consider injecting their children with these extremely harmful mRNA gene therapy injections. Beyond sad.
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GarySummers → Ektor57 • 3 days ago
'3 year-old girl dies from Vaccine…'
Argentina- Mother of a 3 yr old that died after the clot shot says the government constantly pressuring has made her vax her child. She says she is twice jabbed. Her child only had one.

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Rob DF • 4 days ago • edited
OK but that means that "57% of Parents 'Possibly' Will Vaccinate Young Kids for COVID"... There is no end to this insanity under these conditions....
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Paul Vonharnish → Rob DF • 2 days ago
Hello Rob DF: Exactly my thoughts as well. The statistic indicates that 57% of parents are brain dead, and wish the same for their children...
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BChristine • 4 days ago
Once again, it does not help when information like this is sent out promoting this poison ... I just received this today 1:32 YT promo for childhood vaccines:

Absolutely criminal 🤬
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ME MCC → BChristine • 4 days ago
Until they are called out on this, it will continue. Fear porn!!
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TruthHurts → BChristine • 3 days ago
BChristine...I watched the video from your link. The fact that they're STILL making these videos (it's only 10 days old as of this reply) with ALL the evidence...REAL EVIDENCE...that contradicts EVERYTHING the "pediatrician" was told say is...how do I say this without cursing?...madness. And like you said, criminal.
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BChristine → TruthHurts • 2 days ago
Yes, exactly. DESPITE the evidence out there - including some MSM (albeit very light and indirect) - this poison is STILL being promoted. It is my hope that within a few years, videos such as this will be used as evidence to convict these criminals, which is exactly what they are.
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jprexena • 4 days ago
Beware of surveys and whom it's targeted as that can be skewed to promote agenda for more control and depopulation. That's very scary, should really be 93% saying NO, means that 57% of Parents 'Possibly' Will have their Young Kids be given the gene therapy clot shots for COVID, WTF? There is no end to this insanity thanks to cognitive dissonance, willful ignorance, and mass psychosis. Still seeing parents conditioning their kids under five to wear the muzzles in stores.
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MDskeptic • 4 days ago
Ms. Redshaw - all your articles are great. The last half of this piece could have stood on its' own. I am completely uninterested in anything the NYT or the Kaiser Family has to say about prevailing trends in hesitancy to jab small kids with the scandalous mRNA poisons. The whole idea is repugnant to any responsible thinking parent.
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Joe Kosugi • 4 days ago
Telling point; even many vaccinated parents definitely will not vaccinate their kids. They are waking up to the dangers of the mRNA injections, and/or, even many vaccinated people were coerced into joining the genocidal experiment. Lots of people lately just falling over dead(see Mark Crispin Millef substack), it's becoming impossible to hide or ignore.
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ME MCC → Joe Kosugi • 4 days ago
You'd think it would be obvious, but I know people still lining up for their 4th jab. Also, face diapers still? We haven't worn there down South for over a year and we are no different than the rest of the nation on numbers after they withdrew the antibodies that actually worked. It's like we live in an altered universe that is totally warped.
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Nod → Joe Kosugi • 4 days ago • edited
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ME MCC • 4 days ago
Wow - 99% should be the number that they cited. Shows the parental ignorance and maybe they are being coerced? We know that it happens - right, military? Right, medical workers?
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Sopater • 4 days ago
So, most (57%) parents would?
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GarySummers • 3 days ago
'Heartbreaking'!
'19 Pics of Toddlers crying and shedding tears as the nation's children begin to receive COVID vax'

Under 5 years old children have virtually no risk of death by Covid. That's assuming Covid is real. Giving a dangerous Vax for a non-existent threat is insanity.

https://nypost.com/2022/06/...
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PonderingObserver • 4 days ago
There should be more than half of the parents to refuse the so-called vaccination for their children. However, i give a two-thumbs-up for those who say they will "definitely" not vaccinate their children. This thing is a living nightmare!
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tag • 4 days ago
May that percentage grow by leaps and bounds everyday. If not, a whole lot of parents will be burying their precious children.
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Nod • 4 days ago
Isn't the Marburg virus a hemmorragic ? Isn't that kinds of what the jabs does ? Will it be just like covid, use an ineffective PCR machine, use it incorrectly, and then say they had the marburg . And will anyone with this marburg virus ostensibleydetected in their body, be called a marburg death, notwithstanding dying from head trauma or too many carbs ?

World is waking up to the harm, so they need a scapegoat. This looks to be a contender. Doesnt it ?
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TruthHurts • 3 days ago
In January 2021 my (then) 11 year-old son and I researched as much as we could about the "vaccine". There was a British report of children and young adults developing side effects that I considered unacceptable...especially since he is practically at NO risk even if he contracted C-19.

Fast-forward to February 2022 and his school required the usual vaccination paperwork and he was due for boosters so I made an app with his pediatrician.

Needless to say, she pushed the shot on us. Now I wanted my son to make the right decision...but ready to step in if he didn't. He did. I chimed in with him after she looked at me for confirmation with a, "Hell no.".

What REALLY bothers me is that she then goes on to say that she "...sees a LOT of VERY sick children [from C-19]...". I know this is BS. We ALL know this is BS save kids with severe co-morbitities.

We'll be looking for a new pediatrician, of course.
(P.S.- A month ago my son thanked me. That means the WORLD to me. We both feel that we saved his life or at the very least, his health. And no...I am not either.)
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FYI: 'Exclusive'
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'Pfizer Trial Found Vaxxed Toddlers More Likely to Get Severely Ill with Covid'

"...Vaccinated toddlers in Pfizer's trial were more likely to get severely ill with Covid than those who received a placebo. Pfizer claimed most severe cases weren't 'clinically significant,' whatever that means, but this was all the more reason that the FDA should have required a longer follow-up before authorizing the vaccine.

Also worrisome: Most kids who developed multiple infections during the trial were vaccinated. This warranted more investigation, since experimental vaccines for other diseases sometimes increase susceptibility to infection.

Scientists are also discovering that triple-vaccinated adults who were previously infected with the Wuhan variant have a weaker immune response to Omicron, leaving them more susceptible to reinfection. This phenomenon, called 'immunological imprinting', could explain why children who received three Pfizer shots were more likely to get reinfected."

From WSJ, and
https://www.informationlibe...
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thejuneauraven • 4 days ago
Children must be protected from unnecessary vaccinations. Informed parents understand this, despite the parroted "safe and effective" mantra, which is proving to be a lie. Equally interesting are the statistics between liberals and conservatives regarding the clot shots: Where will the liberal voting replacements come from when the die offs continue? Most of the losses will be among the radical left. Oh wait. Dead people still vote, so I answered my own question. There'll be no change at all.
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BH387 • 2 days ago • edited
While it's heartbreaking and scary that so many will consider subjecting their kids to these jabs, the trend is definitely toward "definitely not" and the % who have or intend to has definitely been shrinking. Most troublesome is the percent who still say they will "only if required". Here's hoping they only *may* if required.

When one of the foremost vaccine believers on the planet says "hell no!", that really says something. He knows where this will go, and what it will mean for vaccination, in general. That is the one great, big positive side-effect that is looming.
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Jenna • 3 days ago
@CHD

Can you give us an analysis of these data points? The article that links to this NYS website for covid hospitalization statistics is claiming that this shows how effective the vaccines and policies have been. And the article claims the unvaccinated are at higher risk while the actual data shows that more data is needed. I will link the article and the NYS website.

https://www.nbcnewyork.com/...

https://coronavirus.health....
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BH387 → Jenna • 2 days ago
"2,003,988 laboratory-confirmed breakthrough cases of COVID-19 among fully-vaccinated people in New York State, which corresponds to 15.0% of the population of fully-vaccinated people 5-years or older.
63,723 hospitalizations with COVID-19 among fully-vaccinated people in New York State, which corresponds to 0.48% of the population of fully-vaccinated people 5-years or older."

About 1 in 7 of the fully jabbed getting COVID and 1 in 200 so severe they were hospitalized. Looks like a smashing success.
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Jenna → BH387 • a day ago
And this is what they admit. I assume the real numbers are much worse. Getting the truth out of these propagandists is not possible.
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Lauren • 3 days ago

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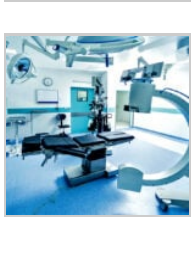
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